

one hundred and twenty-five years, the volunteer fire service has protected the grateful residents of Toms River. Hopefully, in one hundred years from today, another member of Congress representing Toms River will stand here on the floor of the House of Representatives, honoring the Toms River Fire Department No. 1's noble work on their two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

On Toms River Fire Department No. 1's anniversary, I extend my best wishes to all the firefighters, former firefighters and their families of the Toms River community.

### THE LONG-TERM PROBLEMS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

SPEECH OF

**HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2021*

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the State of Israel.

Hamas, a terrorist organization, is firing hundreds of rockets and missiles indiscriminately at Israeli civilians. There is no moral justification for these despicable attacks on innocent life.

Israel has every right to defend itself and keep its citizens safe from these attacks.

I want to assure my constituents on Long Island, and all friends of Israel, that the United States stands in staunch support of Israel and unequivocally condemns this Hamas terrorism.

I pray for the innocent Israeli and Palestinian civilians affected by this crisis. And I pray that a cease-fire can be reached.

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. JEFFREY SCOTT FRANKEL

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 14, 2021*

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Jeffrey Scott Frankel who passed away on April 3, 2021 in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Frankel was a dedicated community member on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the South Bay of Los Angeles County, who left an indelible mark on the region as a dedicated father, volunteer and school board official.

Mr. Frankel was born on November 24, 1962 in London, Ontario, Canada and was raised in Baldwin, New York. He attended the State University of New York College at Buffalo and had a successful career as a marketing consultant with King World Productions, SharkNinja and other notable brands. In recent years, Mr. Frankel steered his career towards education, scaling back his consultancy and working as an impassioned volunteer for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District.

Jeffrey had an undying passion for advocacy, service, and education, and displayed such interests as a member of the Palos Verdes Peninsula School District's Parcel Tax Oversight Committee and the Superintendent Special Education Parent Advisory Group. Jeffrey became interested in education policy as

he supported his daughter, Jillian, who had special needs and was the light of his life. He sought to make a difference in her life along with other students. He made it his mission to ensure that every student, including those with special needs, reached their full potential. Mr. Frankel was elected to the Palos Verdes Peninsula School Board in November 2020 and was a shining example of a community partner who proudly assumed the role of a civic leader and change agent.

Jeffrey loved the Grateful Dead and fast food gave him much delight. He has left an indelible mark on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, the South Bay community, and to all who knew him. He is survived by his mother, Gloria Frankel, his siblings, Karen Rozen and Mark Frankel, his niece Mindy, his nephews David, Louie, and Kevin, and his beloved daughter, Jillian. For all his success, he will forever be known as a man of generosity, humility, and kindness. May his memory be a blessing.

### MAY 6 COMMEMORATION OF REP. JAMES BILBRAY ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ESTABLISHMENT ACT

**HON. DINA TITUS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 14, 2021*

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I first want to thank the Bureau of Land Management and Friends of Red Rock Canyon for helping facilitate today's event. I also want to thank our guests for joining me in commemorating the 30th anniversary of the designation of Red Rock National Conservation Area. Although we were not able to celebrate on the date it was signed, November 16, because of COVID, I felt it was important to honor the man who introduced legislation to preserve Red Rock Canyon for future generations, Congressman James Bilbray.

Congressman Bilbray served as the Representative for Nevada's First District from 1987–1995. In that role, he led the legislative effort to permanently protect more than 83,000 acres of Red Rock Canyon. On November 16, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed Congressman Bilbray's bill, H.R. 4559, The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Establishment Act. In 1994, Congressman Bilbray successfully spearheaded an effort to expand the conservation area to more than 176,000 acres to protect Joshua tree and desert tortoise habitat. H.R. 3050, The Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary Expansion, was signed by President Bill Clinton in November of that year.

Congressman Bilbray was ahead of his time. When he introduced legislation to protect Red Rock Canyon, the environmental movement was just in its beginnings in Nevada. It wasn't as easy or as popular to pass this kind of legislation, but he had the vision to know that this area was special and should be preserved for his grandchildren and future generations to enjoy.

Saving this area from development was personal for the Congressman. A lifelong Nevadan, he camped in the area as a Boy Scout

and frequently visited it with his family on picnics and hikes. Red Rock Canyon also holds significant cultural resources for the native Southern Paiute Tribe. Within the canyons exist rock walls with extensive petroglyphs, as well as indications of prehistoric inhabitation, such as shelter caves and agave roasting pits. The area is home to burros, bighorns, and desert tortoises, as well as unique flora. And in contrast to nearby Las Vegas, a town emphasizing entertainment and gaming, Red Rock offers respite and recreation of a different nature. It is because of Congressman Bilbray that Nevadans and visitors from around the globe can enjoy this unique desert landscape, the natural crown jewel of Southern Nevada.

In honor of Congressman Bilbray's public service, a new plaque will be installed at the entrance of the Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center where over 2,000 people enter each day. We will see, know, and get to read about the incredible man who made this possible.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 14, 2021*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on May 11, 2021, I was unavoidably detained and missed the day's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call Vote 134, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1629, the Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusively Act.

### IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN'S FAMOUS PASTRY SHOPPE

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 14, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for its outstanding leadership and service to our local community and beyond.

Like many Pennsylvania businesses, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe faced unprecedented challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these obstacles, Martin's continued its essential work to feed the American people and protect their workers' livelihoods.

Now led by President James "Jim" Martin, this family-owned company was first established as a small bakery in 1968. Since then, it has expanded broadly in both market reach and workforce. Today, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe employs hardworking Americans in Franklin County and around the country.

Throughout its decades of service, Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe has maintained a clear focus on community outreach and support. Starting with founders Lloyd and Lois Martin, the organization has prioritized community focus. Each year, this company gives back to our Chambersburg community and supports charities in Pennsylvania and around the world.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I am honored to recognize Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe for its incredible work